

Spotlight on Midlands

Location & Climate

Located in the Central area of the state, the Midlands WIA is comprised of three (3) counties: Fairfield, Lexington, and Richland. This area experiences average temperatures in the low to mid 60s and has between 45.29 and 48.05 inches of precipitation annually.

Labor Force

The labor force in the Midlands area reached 294,173 in 2002. The 2002 unemployment rate spanned from 3.0% to 11.7%, showing an increase since 2001.

Population

Total area population 2001: 567,246
Male: 48.4% **Female:** 51.6%
White: 62.9% **Nonwhite:** 37.1%

Employment

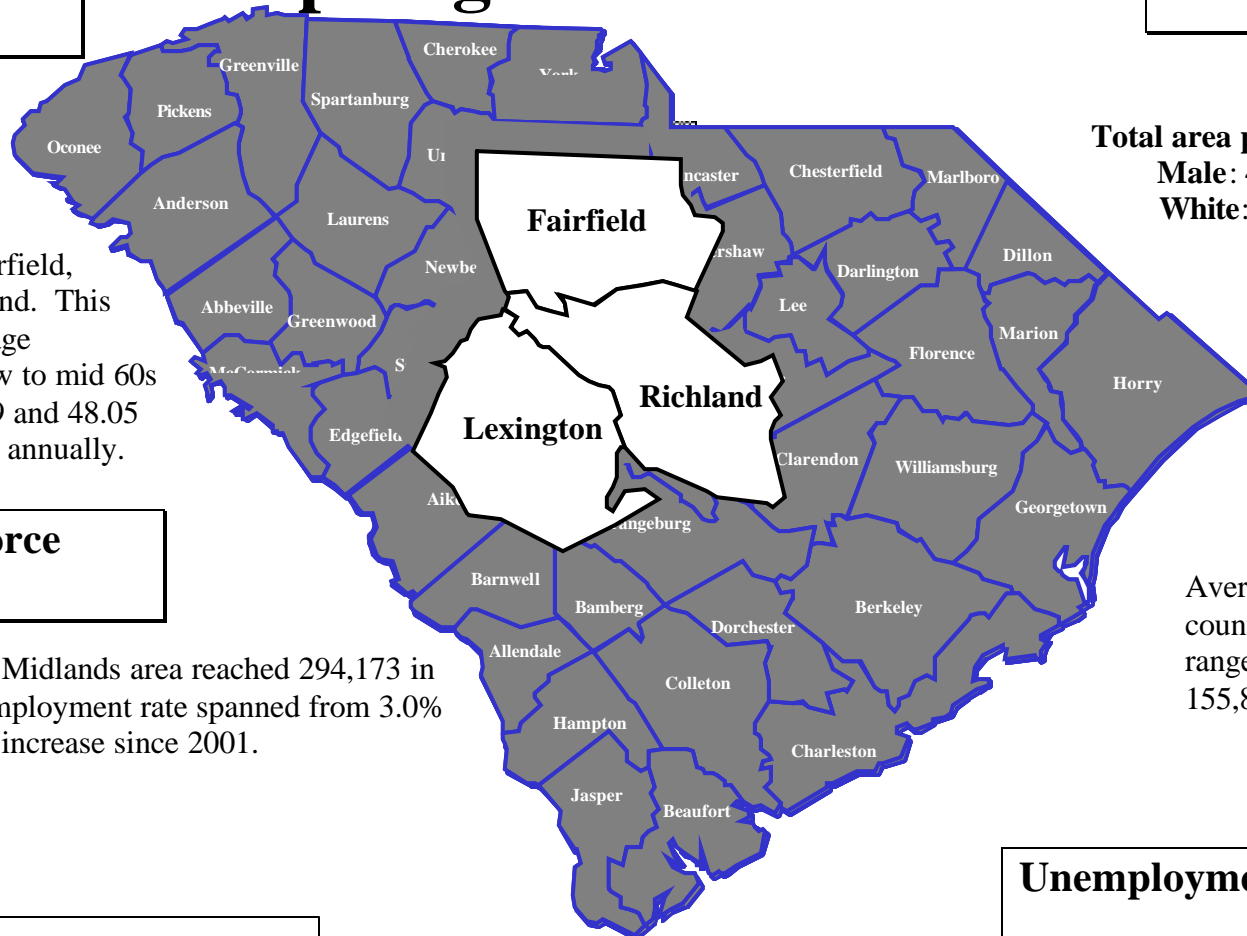
Average monthly employment for counties across the Midlands WIA ranged from 8,870 in Fairfield to 155,810 in Richland

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2002, Unemployment insurance benefits paid by Workforce centers in the Midlands WIA reached a total of \$43,633,638.

Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income for Midlands WIA counties in 2001 ranged from \$21,878 in Fairfield County to \$29,211 in Richland County; between 88% and 118% of the state's PCI of \$24,840.



WIA Unemployment Rate by County

